

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 14, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Yamamoto, Vice Chairman McCann, Representatives Boyle, Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Hawkins, Hill, Lanting, Nelsen, Price, Sauter, Berch, Galaviz, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman McCann

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chair Yamamoto called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

H 105: **Rep. Cornilles** introduced **H 105**, legislation which would add to existing law, to provide for the display of the National Motto in schools. He said donated plaques with the National Motto must be displayed in a conspicuous location.

MOTION: **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to send **H 105** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Berch** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 105** in committee.

American Atheists and **Victoria Young** testified in **opposition** of **H 105**, stating it is a violation of rights.

Reps. Boyle, Clow, Ehardt and **Hawkins** spoke in **support** of **H 105**. They said schools should use discretion when accepting donations.

Reps. Berch, Lanting, Nelsen and **Mathias** spoke in **opposition** of **H 105**. They said the wording of **H 105** should have more clarity and schools should have leeway.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 5 AYE, 11 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused.** Voting in favor of the motion: **Reps. Lanting, Nelsen, Berch, Mathias, and Galaviz.** Voting in opposition to the motion: **Reps. Boyle, Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Hawkins, Hill, Price, Sauter, and Yamamoto.** Rep. McCann was absent/excused.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Original motion carried by a vote of 11 AYE, 5 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused.** Voting in favor of the motion: **Reps. Boyle, Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Hawkins, Hill, Price, Sauter, and Yamamoto.** Voting in opposition of the motion: **Reps. Lanting, Nelsen, Berch, Mathias, and Galaviz.** Rep. McCann was absent/excused. Rep. Cornilles will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Robert Gwyn, Principal, Ridgevue High School, spoke about giving students opportunities to enter either the workforce or college. He spoke about career readiness and investing in the future. He said allowing several options allows students the ability to decide their own path.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary